

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-64. (cancelled)

65. (new) A control system for a printing or copying system, comprising:
at least one client operating unit for input and output of operating information comprising both input and output values relating to configuration or execution of print jobs of the printing or copying system;

a first control unit and at least one second control unit both inside the printing or copying system, the first and second control units controlling at least one part of the printing or copying system;

a data line inside the printer via which the first and second control units are connected with one another and via which internal printing control variable data prepared by the first control unit are transferred between the first and second control units with aid of a data transfer protocol;

the first control unit having a server connected thereto, the client operating unit accessing the server as a client of the server; and

at least one part of the internal printing control variable data prepared by the first control unit being output by the client operating unit in addition to the operating information relating to configuration or execution of said print jobs.

66. (new) A control system according to claim 65 wherein the data transfer protocol comprises a Simple Network Management Protocol.

67. (new) A control system according to claim 65 wherein access to the operating information or the control data occurs with aid of a distributed object model in which objects are contained in units of the printing or copying system.

68. (new) A control system according to claim 67 wherein the operating unit accesses at least one object of at least one control unit, the object containing data with operating information or control data.

69. (new) A control system according to claim 65 wherein the operating information or the control data are processed with the aid of data, data structures, files, or events that are object-related.

70. (new) A control system according to claim 65 wherein the operating unit has at least one object for input or output of the operating information and the control data, the data transfer between the operating unit and the at least one control unit occurring with help of the objects.

71. (new) A control system according to claim 70 wherein the data transfer between objects defined in the programming language Java occurs with aid of a standardized model for abstract description of distributed objects.

72. (new) A control system according to claim 71 wherein the standardized model for abstract description of distributed objects occurs according to a Common Object Request Broker Architecture, and the access to the control data and operating information occurs with the aid of a Remote Method Invocation communication.

73. (new) A control system according to claim 65 wherein the control data contain control variables, whereby at least values of these control variables can be input or output with aid of the operating unit.

74. (new) A control system according to claim 73 wherein the control data are administered with aid of a management information base.

75. (new) A control system according to claim 65 wherein the input or output of the operating information or of the control data occurs with aid of a graphical user interface of the operating unit.

76. (new) A method for input or output of operating information and output of internal printing control variable data for a printing or copying system, said operating information comprising both input and output values relating to configuration or execution of print jobs, comprising the steps of:

providing at least one client operating unit and a server connected to said operating unit and also to said first control unit;

controlling the printing or copying system via a first control unit and at least one second control unit both of which are inside of the printing or copying system;

creating said internal printing control variable data by said first control unit and transferring said control data between the first and second control units via a data line inside the printer with aid of a data transfer protocol;

inputting and outputting with said client operating unit said operating information relating to configuration or execution of the print jobs, and said client operating unit also outputting at least one part of said internal printing control variable data created by the first control unit.